(c) The Ministry of Tourism undertakes review meetings with the State Governments and also conducts visits to these sites for monitoring the progress of projects under the schemes funded by it.

Website incredible

132. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 'Incredible India' website of his Ministry tells foreigners that the Indian Standard Time stands for Indian Stretchable time; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the advice given on this website to foreign visitors gives a bad name to every Indian and consider every Indian as indisciplined; and

(c) what measures are being taken by Government to remove these objectionable contents from the website?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOUDHURY): (a) No, Sir. The Incredible India website in the section 'Tips for Travelling in India-Time' cautions the travelers to keep extra time whatever the traveler intends to do. To create interest, the Indians joke about the concept of "Indian Stretchable Time" (IST) has been mentioned for cautioning the super-punctual visitors to have sufficient time at their disposal.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Damage to tourism industry due to Tsunami tragedy

133. DR. KARAN SINGH:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the total damage caused to tourism industry due to Tsunami tragedy;